Replacement of HPSEB Employees in NJPC

3486. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some request asking Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation (NJPC) Management to accept replacement of employees of HPSEB in their organisation either on retirement/resignation/death is pending with the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof with date of its pendency;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action on their long pending request;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) According to the agreement drawn on 24.1.2000 between the Government of India and the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, the Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation would accept HPSEB employees on deputation in replacement for the vacancies arising on account of (i) retirement, (ii) death, (iii) repatriation, (iv) resignation and (v) absorption in future.

The High Court of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla vide its interim order dated 15.3.2000 passed in connection with Writ Petition No. 99/2000 directed to maintain *status quo.*

Legal Competence of PFC

3487. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an advertisement was put-up in a number of National and regional newspapers by the Power Finance Corporation dealing with the issues pertaining to strike by the employees of Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the expenses incurred thereon;

(c) whether the PFC has the appropriate legal competence to do this; and

(d) if not, the names of the officials responsible and the action initiated against them?